

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 432

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Reverend Reggie Weems for laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their great capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of the people in their respective communities, and through whose efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Reverend Reggie Weems, whose life and ministry affirms his commitment to the principles of faith, perseverance, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, For the past ten years, Reverend Weems has served as a Professor at the Reformed Bible Institute in Bristol, as well as the Johnson City Life Chain Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Reverend Weems still finds time to annually lend his remarkable talents to such notable causes as organizing and hosting the National Day of Prayer events in Johnson City for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, He has also been published in the magazine, *Growing Churches*, and the Southern Baptist magazine, *CoMission*; and

WHEREAS, A member of the advisory board for the JCMC Home Health and Hospice, Reverend Weems has given back to the community as a Coach for the Johnson City Little League teams and has served at various times as an Assistant Coach for the city's parks and recreation basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, Recognized by the *Johnson City Press* as a pioneer in evangelizing Eastern Europe after the fall of the iron curtain, Reverend Weems visited Romania eight times and preached at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Oradea, Romania, the largest church in Europe; and

WHEREAS, He has also visited the former Soviet Union, Hungary, and Brazil where he has successfully spread the gospel; and

WHEREAS, He has also taught at a national pastors' conference last year in Bolivia; he has been the spiritual director on numerous local Emmaus walks and as a regular featured instructor with the Mid-Atlantic Christian Educators' Association; he has also tutored children and youth in the Johnson City School System; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Weems also serves as the Co-chairman of the local Seekers of America Rally that will be bringing the Honorary K. A. Paul to the Tri-Cities Area; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Reggie Weems epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Reverend Weems for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Reverend Reggie Weems for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.